Decision for Establishment of Free Trade Zone at Mangalore

*260. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2727 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th August, 1992 and State:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken any decision on the proposal submitted by the Karnataka Government for establishment of a Free Trade Zone near Mangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is likely to be decided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO & RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) There is no proposal at present to establish additional Free Trade/Export Processing Zones in Mangalore.

Film on Country's Nuclear Programme by British Television Net Work

2612. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the production of a film titled "Nuclear India — Dream gone sour" by the Britain's Independent Television (ITV) network on country's nuclear programme; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The film by ITV seems totally motivated with a view to denigrate the achievements of India in the peaceful application of nuclear energy. The film is not based on facts and figures and cannot stand scientific scrutiny. Detailed information has been sent to our mission in London to enable them to counter the misinformation brought out in the ITV film.

Proposals Cleared in Petro-Chemical Sect

@2613. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently cleared a number of proposals in the petro-chemical sector, mainly in U.P. Assam and Gujarat, which are estimated to cost over Rs. 7,170 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when these would be taken up;

(c) whether Government have also approved the IOC proposal to set up a refinery at Baholi in Haryana (Panipat District) in order to meet the growing demands of the petroleum products; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Government have accorded investment approval for Gas Cracker Complexes at Gandhar (Gujarat) in March, 1992 and at Auraiya (UP) in October, 1992. The estimated cost of these projects is Rs. 3485 crores and Rs. 2942 crores respectively. The completion schedule of these projects is 48 months from the date of issue of investment

@Previously unstarred question 1456, transferred from 2-12-1992.

sanction i.e. by March, 1996 and October, 1996 respectively.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Government has accorded approval on 7.10.1992 at an estimated cost of Rs. 3868 crores. The Project is scheduled to be completed within 54 months.

2614. *[Transferred to 18th December, 1992.]*

Demand by Gujarat For Ethyline

2615. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat have demanded one lakh tonne of Ethyline chemicals from proposed Gandhar Project;

(b) whether the State Government on receipt of Ethyline propose to set up down-stream Industry on large-scale;

(c) what is the current quota of Ethyline for the State of Gujarat; and

(d) what are the details of the Down-stream Industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN):

(a) and (b) Government of Gujarat had asked that the implementation of one of the Ethyline based downstream project like VCM, PVC alongwith Chlor Alkali project be awarded to the State.

(c) and (d) Ethylene is not sold by quota. The total Ethylene that would be produced at Gandhar would meet the requirement of manufacture of value added products like PVC, EO/MEG, Alfa Olefin, Chlorine, Caustic Soda and Alcohol Ethoxylates, at the petrochemicals complex by I.P.C.L.

Complaints by M.Ps against overcharging by Drug companies

2616. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of complaints received from Members of Parliament and others regarding over-charging by drug companies during the last three years;

(b) whether all these complaints have since been forwarded to the State Drug Control Administration for investigation;

(c) what has been the findings of the State Drug Control Administration into these complaints;

(d) what action Government have taken or contemplate to take against these drug companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Some complaints of overcharging in respect of bulk drugs at prices other than the Government fixed prices have been received from Members of Parliament.

(b) to (d) As and when any complaint of overcharging is received, the same is sent to the State Drug Control Administration for investigation. In case the facts are found to be correct after due investigation, further action under DPCO, 1987 as well as Essential Commodities Act, as the case may be, is initiated. As per reports received from the State Drug Contollers of Gujarat and Maharashtra, action has been initiated in 12 cases against overcharging.